

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairperson), Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Kathleen McDermott (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member) – arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, May 10, 2017 and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 5-0-0

Public Comments: None

New Business

1. Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting of Tuesday, May 16, 2017 was attended by G. Brown. Emily Ryan, Communications Manager, is the new Exelon representative for Fricks Locks Village. Funding for the Pa. DCNR grant was presented by David Stauffer for the Fricks Locks Trailhead Project. The next funding round will be completed on March 1, 2018.
2. 2017 Volunteer Recognition Celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at Historic Yellow Springs, Chester Springs, Pa.
3. Landscapes 3 On Line Public Survey: information was provided with encouragement to complete it by Commission members.
4. New request received from a citizen: Diana Zeleski, a small business owner, requested photographs of historic buildings. Referred to Archives Committee.
5. The Iron and Steel Heritage Partnership Annual Meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Coatesville, Pa. was attended by G. Brown. The Partnership has expanded the consortium of heritage and recreation tourist attractions and is currently working on marketing.
6. Historical Commission 2017 membership list was updated and provided for Historical Commission and township use.
7. Chester County Historical Society Membership 2017: East Coventry Township does a contribution and receives two cards only.
8. 2017 Town Talks and Village Walks: information was made available.

Old Business

1. Update on Proposed Cell Tower, 92 Baptist Church Rd., East Coventry Township was received from Emma Diehl from the State regarding the Section 106 review. She agrees with the “no effect” findings on historic resources for the proposed mono-pine tower.

2. Update on Latshaw's Mill Bridge #265, Halteman Rd, East Coventry Township: L. Tietjen made a motion to recommend a rehabilitation of the bridge rather than a reconstruction. Seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 6-0-0
3. CPSL Clearance Discussion: we are still awaiting the township's direction on the process.
4. Citizen Inquiries:
 - Amanda from RHD: we're trying to schedule a special tour date for her group.
 - Bryan Stauffer from Kalamazoo, MI: the Fricks Locks Manor House belonged to his grandfather in the past and he is looking for barn pictures.
 - Brownback Church's "Young at Heart" group is seeking a short presentation on Fricks Locks Village.
 - A request for Fricks Locks Village historical documentation was received by G. Brown.
5. Letters to State Representatives for support of the Fricks Locks Village Trailhead DCNR grant have just been sent, per Bernie Rodgers, Township Manager.

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen

The Planning Commission did not meet in May, 2017

Committees

1. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). Work continues on Fricks Locks files.
2. Oral History Committee: S. Fitzgerald (Chairperson). No activity.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). Damage found on Village buildings was reported to B. Rodgers, Township Manager. The first scheduled Village tour of May 12, 2017 was rained out. We had 25 visitors on the May 27, 2017 tour and 11 visitors for the June 10, 2017 tour.

Other Business

The CCHPN Events Calendar was highlighted.

Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Tietjen to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. and was seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary